

Top tips for using Facebook safely

As well as protecting their privacy settings, encourage your children to:

TELL – talk to you about what they're doing online and if they see something that makes them uncomfortable

BLOCK – block people they don't like or who make them feel uncomfortable

REPORT – use the **Report** button on Facebook to report abuse, threats, bullying, harassment or hate speech



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What to know

Facebook is the world's largest social networking site with 800 million users registered

- Nearly **half (49%)** of all people in the UK have a Facebook profile
- More **men (56%)** than **women (44%)** use Facebook
- Facebook's terms of service prevent users under **13 years of age** (due to advertising restrictions in the US)

Children are increasingly using Facebook despite the age limit

- **43% of UK children** aged 9-13 have a social networking profile (rising to 88% of over 13 year olds)
- 19% of 11-16 year olds have communicated on a social network site with someone they've **never met**
- Children use Facebook to talk about private things and say they can **'be themselves'** online

Sources: Google, EU Kids Online Survey 2011

Protecting you and your child

Know the risks

- Who are your children adding as friends?
- Who can see their photos?
- Who are they talking to on Chat?
- Are they protecting their online reputation?

Know the settings

- Know how to control **who posts** on your wall
- Know how to change your **privacy settings**
- Know how to **block applications** from sending data about you
- Know how to **untag photos** of yourself
- Know how to **block someone** you don't like
- Know how to **delete posts** that may embarrass you in the future
- Know how to report **bullying and harassment**

Privacy settings

Users **under the age of 18** will be protected by Facebook settings so that their information (photos, profiles etc) **does not appear on Google**

Anyone over 18 needs to protect their profile unless they want **everyone** to see it

What to do:

- Check your profile on www.123people.co.uk – this website searches across the whole web (Facebook, YouTube, UK electoral roll and much more) to see where your name and image appears
- On Facebook, change your privacy settings to **Custom** and decide who can see your photos (and photos tagged of you), status updates and videos. Check what your profile looks like by choosing **'View as...'**

